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Dear Mr. Sulouff:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for transportation improvements on State Route 101, Marin- Sonoma Narrows. The Federal Highway Administration and the California Department of Transportation propose to upgrade the four-lane highway portion of U.S. 101 between Novato in Marin County to Petaluma in Sonoma County to a six-lane freeway, add contiguous High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes and improving the safety of the route by increasing visibility, improving drainage and widening the shoulders.

FHWA is requesting the Coast Guard to be a cooperating agency as defined by regulations set forth by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 C.F.R. §§ 1501.6 & 1508.5) for the Marin Sonoma Narrows project. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) mandates that federal agencies responsible for preparing NEPA analyses and documentation do so in cooperation with agencies with jurisdiction. (42 U.S.C. §§ 4331(a), 4332(2)).

Coordination between FHWA, Caltrans, and the Coast Guard regarding the project has been ongoing informally.

Should the Coast Guard agree to be a cooperating agency, we would like to solicit your comments on the Final Environmental Impact Statement before public circulation.

Please contact Cesar E. Perez, Senior Transportation Engineer (916) 498-5065 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Cesar E. Perez*

For  
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